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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8347  
INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI  
AMCONSUL LAHORE

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E. O. 11652: N/ A  
TAGS: PINT PK  
SUBJECT: POLITICAL OPPOSITION PICKS PAGARO AS LEADER

REF: ISLAMABAD 1908

1. EIGHT POLITICAL PARTIES AND GROUPS WHICH JOINED  
HANDS LATE FEB IN OPPOSITION TO BHUTTO GOVERNMENT  
HELD SECOND MEETING MARCH 13. MAJOR DECISION WAS  
SELECTION OF PIR OF PAGARO OF PAKISTAN MUSLIM LEAGUE  
AS PRESIDENT OF GROUP WHICH NOW CALLS ITSELF UNITED  
DEMOCRATIC FRONT( UDF). OTHER UDF OFFICERS NAMED  
WERE: VICE PRESIDENTS MAHMOOD ( MAIATUL- ULEMA- I-  
ISLAM) AND NASRULLAH KHAN ( PAKISTAN DEMOCRATIC  
PARTY); SECY- GENERAL GHAFOOR AHMED ( JAMAAT- I-  
ISLAMI); AND FINANCE CHAIRMAN CHAUDHRY ZAHUR ELAHI  
( COUNCIL MUSLIM LEAGUE). UDF NOW ATTEMPTING TO  
DRAW UP JOINT POSITION ON DRAFT CONSTITUTION.  
DEVELOPMENTS ON CONSTITUTION BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.)

2. COMMENT: PAGARO EARLIER RUMORED FRONT- RUNNER  
FOR HEAD OF RE- UNIFIED MUSLIM LEAGUE WHOSE PRESIDENCY  
STILL VACANT. SELECTION OF NATIONALLY KNOWN SINDHI  
LEADER PAGARO TO HEAD FRONT PROBABLY BASED ON NEED TO  
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FIND PRESIDENT ALL DIVERSE PARTIES COULD AGREE TO AS  
WELL AS DESIRE TO GIVE UDF ADDITIONAL SINDHI  
REPRESENTATION.

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